

the benefit of young mothers is given by Miss Mary Jean Hurdley, graduate of the Farrand Training-School, Harper Hospital, Detroit, Michigan; also four lectures on medical emergency, surgical emergency, care of children and home hygiene, given by Doctors C. E. Briggs, Carlyle Pope, John Darby, Edwin H. Seasons; also four lectures on dietetics by Miss Monell, of the Pratt Institute.

The first lesson was given on March 5 to a class of thirty-four members. It was taken up most enthusiastically. The course was mapped out by Mrs. Hunter Robb, Miss E. Maud Ellis, Principal of Nurses, Lakeside Hospital, and Miss Mary Jean Hurdley.

The idea is quite a new one in Cleveland and it is hoped with the assured success to open new classes in the autumn.

Five dollars is charged for the course of lessons, two weekly being given.

This is a legitimate kind of home nursing and such instruction should always be controlled by nurses who can discriminate between strictly home nursing and professional nursing. That the average mother is sadly ignorant of the simple household methods for caring for the sick is much to be deplored. We often wonder how so many people escape death when we consider the ignorance of the average mother of the most simple laws of health.

OBITUARY NOTICES

OF late the formal obituary notices sent to the *JOURNAL* for publication have increased very much, so greatly in fact that it has become difficult to make space for them all in any one number. We have had to take up seriously the question of economy of space in recent issues, and it has been shown to be the consensus of opinion that the formal resolution as passed by the alumnae associations should and ought to be sent to the family, but that for *JOURNAL* publication it would be better, for a number of reasons, for the associations to send a brief death announcement with a sketch of the nurse's life, in just the way that such notices are published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. This we believe would be more satisfactory to the profession at large, as giving in brief the facts about the nurse's working life, and would save, in signatures alone, two or three lines of space to each notice.

One of our correspondents in replying to our letter in regard to this matter, expressed the opinion that formal resolutions should be abolished

in the pages of the *JOURNAL* for the great rank and file, but that there should be no restrictions in case of a death of one of the "shining lights in the profession." This we do not agree to, however, as we see no reason why the form should not be the same in one case as in the other, the only difference being in the number of lines occupied in chronicling the achievements of the woman of greater note.

Both marriage and death notices we consider very important items in every number of the *JOURNAL* published, but the increasing demand for space requires us to adopt a form which shall be uniform for all and the same in every *JOURNAL*. In the past we have published such notices in the form in which they were sent. Hereafter we shall change the form when necessary.

CHANGES IN THE JOURNAL STAFF

WE take pleasure in announcing to our readers that Mrs. d'Arcy Stephens, of Orange, N. J., has consented to act as the collaborator for the *JOURNAL* in New Jersey. Mrs. Stephens graduated from the Orange Training-School in 1890. She has been twice elected secretary of the Orange Alumnae, was the delegate to the Berlin Congress, and is this year the president of the New Jersey State Association. Mrs. Stephens is one of the married members who continues to work for the progress of the nursing profession.

We regret to announce the resignation of Miss Frances M. Quaife, who has resigned her position as Superintendent of the Touro Infirmary and is leaving Louisiana for an indefinite time. Miss Quaife has done most excellent work for the *JOURNAL* during the short time she has been on the staff.

We announced some time ago the resignation of Miss Elizabeth R. Scovil as editor of the Department of Medical Notes. Fortunately for the *JOURNAL* Miss Scovil's plans were changed to some extent and she has been able to continue her work on the staff, her residence being now in St. John, N. B.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF NURSING JOURNALS

IF there are any nurses in the East who are laboring under the impression that there is nothing doing on the Pacific Coast, we advise them to read the *Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast* for March. Each number of this quarterly gains in interest and literary excellence, and